

Remarks

Claims 28-61 are currently pending. Claims 28, 51 and 61 have been amended. Support for these amendments can be found at, for example, page 12, lines 3-5 of the application. No new matter has been added. In view of the amendments and following remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration by the Examiner, and advancement of the application to allowance.

35 U.S.C. § 112

The Examiner rejected claims 28-61 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph for failing to comply with the written description and enablement requirements. Independent claims 28, 51 and 61 have been amended to recite a binding agent comprising a polyisocyanate or prepolymer thereof. This amendment is clearly supported at page 12, lines 3-5 as well as in Example 11 of the current application. Therefore, one skilled in the art would recognize in the originally filed application a description of the currently claimed invention. Moreover, one skilled in the art would know how to make or use the currently claimed invention without undue experimentation. In view of the above amendments, Applicants request the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112 be withdrawn.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is now in condition for allowance, and respectfully request issuance of a Notice of Allowance directed towards the pending claims.

The Commissioner of Patents is hereby authorized to deduct any fee due in connection with the filing of this document from Huntsman Corporation Deposit Account No. 08-3442.

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